# GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUEST TO EXPUNGE ARREST RECORD

- 1. Expungement refers to the purging of criminal history records. O.C.G.A. §35-3-37(d) provides for the expungement of certain criminal history records when approved by the prosecuting attorney. GCIC cannot expunge a criminal history record without the approval of the prosecuting attorney.
- 2. For any requests/applications received by the arresting agency, as of August 1, 2009, GCIC will require a fee of \$25.00 from the applicant to process the Request for Expungement ("Request Form") approved by the prosecuting attorney. Each Request Form may contain only ONE (1) Date of Arrest (there may be single or multiple charges for the Date of Arrest). The \$25.00 fee (money order or certified check payable to "Georgia Bureau of Investigation") must be attached to the Request Form. GCIC only requires the fee once the request is approved by the prosecutor and submitted to GCIC.
- 3. The arresting agency may also require a fee to process the request as authorized under O.C.G.A. §35-3-37(d)(1)(B).
- 4. Please seek additional instructions from the arresting agency with regards to how the fees should be paid or how the approved request should be submitted to GCIC.
- 5. If this completed Request Form is sent to GCIC without the fee, the Request Form will be returned to the applicant.
- 6. Refunds will not be issued by GCIC when applications are not approved by the prosecutor. Requests for Expungement that have missing data will not be processed until all required data is received and the fee will not be refunded due to missing required data.
- 7. The applicant will complete Section One of the Request for Expungement and forward the three-page Request for Expungement to the arresting agency.
- 8. The arresting agency will complete Section Two of the Request for Expungement and forward the three-page Request for Expungement to the prosecutor for approval.
- 9. The prosecutor will approve or deny the Request, and return the Request for Expungement to the arresting agency.
- 10. Once approved by the prosecutor, the arresting agency may return the approved Request form to the applicant who will be responsible for forwarding the approved Request Form and \$25.00 fee to GCIC. If the arresting agency collects the GCIC fee from the applicant at the time the request is received, the arresting agency may forward the Request Form and \$25.00 fee to GCIC on behalf of the applicant.
- 11. If the approved Request Form is received by GCIC without payment, the request will be rejected and returned to the applicant.
- 12. Mail the approved Request for Expungement form and \$25.00 fee (money order or certified check payable to "Georgia Bureau of Investigation") to:

Georgia Crime Information Center
Expungements
P.O. Box 370808
Decatur, Georgia 30037-0808

- 13. Requests for Expungement may be hand-delivered to GCIC between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. and 2:00p.m. 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except designated state holidays. GCIC is located at 3121 Panthersville Road, Decatur, Georgia 30034.
- 14. To check the status of your request, contact the GCIC CCH/Identification Services at (404) 270-8396 or email <a href="mailto:gacriminalhistory@gbi.ga.gov">gacriminalhistory@gbi.ga.gov</a>.

2009-36 Attachment A Effective Date: 08/01/2009

## REQUEST TO EXPUNGE ARREST RECORD

O.C.G.A. 35-3-37(d)

Money Order Certified Check GBI Reference #

Internal Use Only

Effective Date: 08/01/2009

# One (1) Date of Arrest Only Per Request and A non-refundable \$25.00 Fee

(Money Order or Certified Check payable to "Georgia Bureau of Investigation") per Request The local agency may also require a fee up to \$25.00

#### **SECTION ONE - APPLICANT INFORMATION**

(To be completed by Applicant)

Name:

O.C.G.A. 35-3-37(d)(1) provides in part that "An individual who was: (A) Arrested for an offense under the laws of this state but subsequent to such arrest is released by the arresting agency without such offense being referred to the prosecuting attorney for prosecution; or (B) After such offense referred to the proper prosecuting attorney, and the prosecuting attorney dismisses the charges without seeking an indictment or filing an accusation may request the original agency in writing to expunge the records of such arrest..."

Date of Birth:	Race:	Sex:
Social Security Number:		
Telephone Number:		
Street Address:		
		Zip Code:
Arresting Agency:		
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Sections One and Two of this for submitted to the Prosecuting A		in their entirety before request may be
•	•	and associated charges) described above rresting agency pursuant to the provisions of
Signature:		Date:

#### **SECTION TWO - ARREST INFORMATION**

### (To be completed by Arresting Agency)

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Date Request Received:		
Applicant's State Identification Number (SID): GA		
Offender Tracking Number:		
Arresting Agency Name:		
Arresting Agency ORI Number: GA		
Case / Citation / Docket Number:		
Date of Arrest:		
Arrest appears on Georgia and/or FBI criminal history record?		
If arrest does not appear on either state or federal record, and, therefore, there is no need to forward request to GCIC		
Arrest Charge Tracking Number(s) and Charges:		
Disposition of Arrest:		
Disposition appears on Georgia criminal history record?	Yes	
If No, official documentation containing disposition information is attached for processing. If official documentation is not available, please provide explanation and request for exception in Prosecutor's Comments. (Without a disposition on file, official documentation, or request for exception, this request cannot be processed. GCIC fee will not be refunded.)  Prosecuting Attorney/Court Case Referred To:		
Prosecuting Attorney/Court Case Referred To.		
Official Completing Form:		
Title:		
Name:	elephone Number:	
Signature:	Email:	

#### SECTION THREE - PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

(To be completed by Prosecuting Attorney)

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Date Request Received:		
Judicial Circuit / County:		
Prosecuting Agency ORI Number: GA		
District Attorney / Solicitor General:		
Prosecutor Assigned to Case:		
Case / Citation / Docket Number:		
Please select one of the following actions:		
Expungement Meets Statutory Requirements		
No Information Available; Expungement Forwarded Without Objection		
No Information Available at Prosecutor's Office; Returned to Arresting Agency for Further Research. <b>DO NOT FORWARD EXPUNGEMENT FORM TO GCIC.</b>		
Expungement Does Not Meet All Statutory Requirements DO NOT FORWARD EXPUNGEMENT FORM TO GCIC.		
If additional Charges from same Arrest Date, other than those identified on Page 2, are also approved for expungement, list the Arrest Charge Tracking Number(s) and Charges in Prosecutor Comments.		
Prosecutor Comments:		
Prosecutor Completing Form:		
Name: Telephone Number:		
Signature:          Email:		